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NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING METHODS AND SYSTEMS (as amended)
Application No. 09/888,699
Examiner M. Bell
Art Unit 2121

Petition and Fee for Extension of Time
Amendment Transmittal
Amendment After Final

CH920000036US1
(590.060)

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In re Application of : Bergan et al.
Serial No. : 09/888,699 Examiner : M. Bell
Filed : June 24, 2001 Group Art Unit : 2121
For : NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING METHODS AND SYSTEMS
(as amended)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.

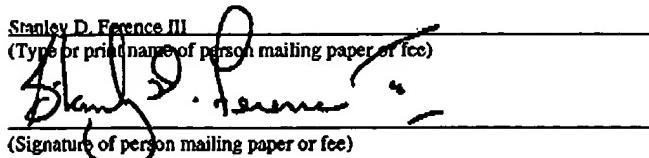
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2. In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
4. A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facsimile transmitted on (703) 872-9306 on January 3, 2005 to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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5. Also enclosed: _____
6. No additional filing fee is required.
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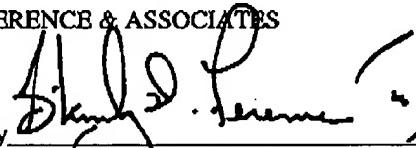
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8. Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$_____ to cover the filing fee.
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Respectfully submitted,

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By 
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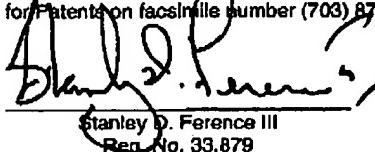
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January 3, 2005

Date of Signature

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.